

REMARKS

First of all, Applicant acknowledges that the Preliminary Amendment submitted on November 5, 1999, lacks a signature. A signed copy of this Amendment is submitted herewith.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has identified four species and required election under 35 U.S.C. 121. In response thereto, Applicant elects with traverse Species III, consisting of claims 28-35. Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

In response to the Draftsperson's objection to the drawing, Applicant submits herewith replacement figures 7-9. These figures correct the use of non-black ink, are now presented on the appropriate type of paper, and provide correction of the line quality deficiencies.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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